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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Box Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Amendment and Response mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 28, 2002. No fees are believed to be due with this Amendment and Response; however, if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 081930.

Please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-5 and 10-11 and add Claims 24-27 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, as follows (Claims 6-9 and 12-15 are presented below unamended for the Examiner's convenience):

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1. (Twice Amended) An isolated canine cDNA or mRNA that hybridizes with a nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of